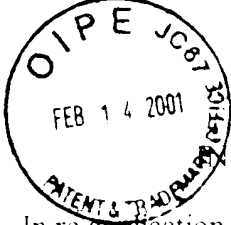


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In re application of)
Leonard E. Mess)
Serial No. 09/501,033)
Filed: February 9, 2000) Art Unit
For: SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICALLY COUPLING A) 2858
DEVICE TO AN ELECTRICAL APPARATUS)
Examiner: Vinh P. Nguyen)

AMENDMENT "B" AND RESPONSE

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2000, Applicant submits this
Amendment "B" and Response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: